## **HOUSE RESOLUTION 131**

## By Thompson

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ricardo "Ricky"
Carrasco, 2017 Salutatorian of St. Benedict at
Auburndale High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ricardo "Ricky" Carrasco is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2017 graduating class at St. Benedict at Auburndale High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Carrasco achieved outstanding academic success and joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Ricky Carrasco earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including National Honor Society; the Science National Honor Society; National Spanish Honor Society; Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society; the St. Jude Club, which he served as co-president for two years; and student government, which he served as class president his freshman year. He is an Honor Council Member, a Student Retreat Leader, and a Student Ambassador; and

WHEREAS, exceling beyond the classroom, Mr. Carrasco played on the football, the basketball, and the track teams, which earned him the Iron Eagle 3-Sport Award. He also served the football team as captain and as senior class chaplain, and he was nominated for the prestigious FCA "Bull" Bramlett Award; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ricky Carrasco is a National Merit Finalist and an AP Scholar, and he received the Remmert Memorial Scholarship his junior year; and

WHEREAS, his display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success as a student at the United States Naval Academy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carrasco's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Maureen and Richard Carrasco, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Ricardo Carrasco's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the members of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor the 2017 St. Benedict at Auburndale High School Salutatorian, Ricardo "Ricky" Carrasco, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.